New York August 10th 1776

By Order of General Washington Captain Wheeler Marcy of my
Regiment, is now sent out on the Recruiting Service, & has leave
of Absence fourteen Days on this Business.— He is with all possible
expedition to repair to Ashford, & the towns adjacent, in Order to
enlist a sufficient number of men, to complete his Company, which
now wants 44 men of its Establishment. The Authority, Select men,
& other Gentlemen of Influence in these towns, are desired to afford
him all the Assistance in their power in this business.— The men
are very much needed; as we are able to Assure all persons from
the best authority, that the Enemy far Exceed our Numbers, not-
withstanding all the false accounts published to the contrary, Besides
they are in Daily expectation of reinforcements.

The proper Authority are desired to permit Capt Marcy to pass
to the place he is order'd to on this Business.

Capt Marcy is by no means to absent himself beyond
the time limited, but is if possible to be here before it is
expired.— His Recruits must Come down compleatly
Arm'd, and Accoutred.

John Chester Colonel

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